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BEWARE:
DANGER BELOW
with
NEW DIVERS!

DIVERS



What's
for
Lunch?
CONTEST



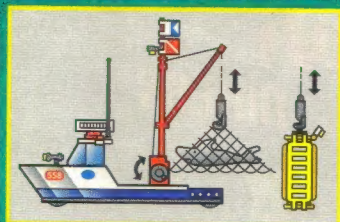
new PossiBuild ities

meet Diver Dan

Diver Dan the scuba man has found 12 of Captain Red Beard's wrecked treasure ships. He can tame the most dangerous sea creatures. He skates on skates, surfs on stingrays and cuts up wrecks with sawfish. The only critter he has problems with is the great white shark who took a big bite out of Dan's favorite flippers.

DIVE INTO DANGER!

Dive into deep-sea action with the Divers. This group of daring underwater explorers brave the dangers of the deep, sawfish, octopuses, stingrays and even angry sharks. They search for sunken treasure, submerge in subs and sneer at sharks from the safety of their shark cage. Explore the underwater lab on pages 8-9.



Turn the crank to raise and lower the net and the shark cage!

#6558 SHARK CAGE COVE

It's the shark cage for you if you want to dive where the sharks live. Please keep your hands and feet inside the shark cage or they may end up inside a shark.

Turning radar

HURRY!
JUMP INTO THE
SHARK CAGE!

Rapid rescue boat

Strong,
safe
shark cage

Shark-catching net

Tons of treasure

I SEE...
TWO TASTY...
SCUBA SNACKS.

DIIVERS

HEAVE, HO,
A DIVING WE
WILL GO!

Cool diving raft



baseball
hat

meet **Scuba Sandy**

Scuba Sandy, famous marine biologist, studies everything under the sea, from super sharp sawfish to diving dolphins. At night aboard the Deep Reef Refuge, she likes to switch on a lantern fish, curl up like a sea horse and read a book of whale tales.

Special domed cockpit!

Cool underwater camera!



#6599 SHARK ATTACK

Diver Dan, you better watch your back — the sawfish, basking shark and great white are on the attack!

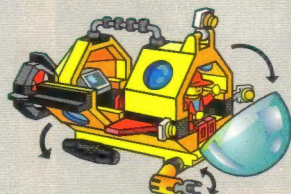


#6556 SCUBA SQUAD

#6442 STING RAY EXPLORER

With this high-tech sub you can grab a stinging stingray by the tail or wave to mom on underwater TV.

Powerful propeller speeds sub through the water.



Sub's cargo doors and cockpit open and close.

SMILE,
YOU'RE ON
STINGRAY TV.

Cool underwater video camera!

Treasure grabbing arms



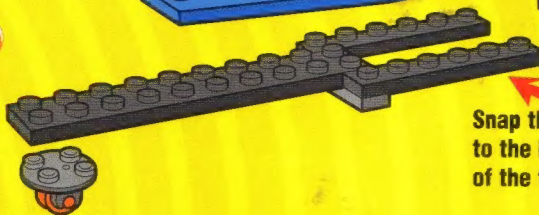


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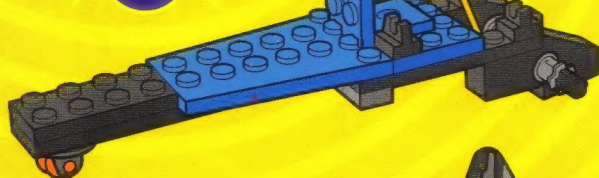
BAT RACER

Club member, Travis Blake, age 12 of California inspired our model designers to create the awesome Bat Racer!

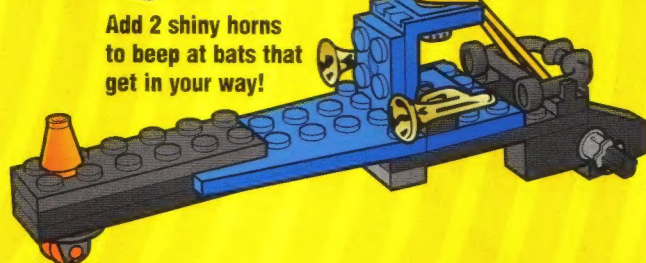
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Snap the axle to the bottom of the frame.



Stretch the rubber band over the post.



Add 2 shiny horns to beep at bats that get in your way!



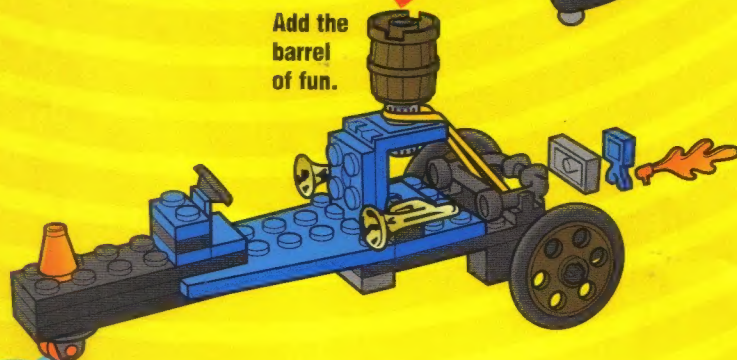
Contest CLUE

License Plate

Build 2 bat wings.



Add the barrel of fun.



Add a bat on the hood, the Bat Lord behind the wheel — then zoom across the floor to get those bat wings spinning!



#6499 Time Tunnelator

Use pieces from your own LEGO collection or you can find all the pieces you need to build the Bat Racer in #6499 Time Tunnelator (then put the Bat Lord from #6007 or another figure behind the wheel).

Discover the Most Mysterious and Dangerous Creature in the Sea.

IT'S HUNGRIER THAN A SHARK, SNEAKIER THAN A STINGRAY AND MORE ORNERY THAN AN OCTOPUS... DIVE INTO THIS TERRIFYING TALE IF YOU DARE!

GRRRRR!

DAN, LOOK OUT! THERE'S SOMETHING STARING AT US, AND IT'S GROWLING!

SANDY, I THINK THERE'S SOME TREASURE IN THIS OLD SHARK CAVE.

LET GO OF DAN, YOU BEAST, OR I'LL TWIST THIS TENTACLE BEHIND YOUR BACK.

HELP, SANDY! ITS MOUTH IS FILLED WITH BIG, POINTY TEETH AND ITS BREATH SMELLS LIKE STINKY, OILY RAGS. I'M GOING TO BE SWALLOWED UP.

RROARRR!

I'VE GOT THIS MONSTER BY THE TAIL, DAN. WOW. ITS TAIL IS HARD, SCALY AND HAS A SPINNING STINGER.

THANKS, SANDY! WHEN YOU PULLED ITS TAIL, IT SPIT ME UP. LOOK OVER HERE. THIS CREATURE EVEN HAS SHARP CLAWS.

BURRPPPP!

LET'S GET THIS PICTURE BACK TO THE UNDERWATER LAB. WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS MONSTER IS, SANDY?


I'LL GET YOU PESKY DIVERS!!

IT HAS THE MOUTH OF A SHARK, THE TAIL OF A STINGRAY AND THE TENTACLES OF AN OCTOPUS. IT'S SOMETHING VERY DANGEROUS AND IT'S HEADED STRAIGHT FOR US! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!

TURN TO PAGE 12 FOR MORE UNDERWATER ACTION, AND NEXT ISSUE, FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THIS DANGEROUS SEA MONSTER!

Content CLUE





HEY, KIDS.
DIVER DAN
HERE!

Feature Story

Daredevil Divers of the Deep

GET SET FOR SOME DANGEROUS DEEP-SEA ADVENTURES AS YOU EXPLORE THE OCEAN WITH SCUBA SANDY AND ME. WE'LL SCUFFLE WITH SHARKS, RIDE SOME RAYS, AND AVOID OCTOPUSES. CLIMB INTO THE SHARK CAGE AND LET'S GO. SANDY'S A MARINE BIOLOGIST, AND SHE CAN TELL YOU ALL ABOUT SHARKS.

SHARKS ARE DANGEROUS,

unpredictable and will eat almost anything that moves. Look out! It's heading this way. Keep your arms and legs inside the shark cage. **BAM!** That was one angry shark. It rammed the cage so hard that it bent the steel bars!

That was a close one! Looks like the coast is clear now,

Dan. Go ahead and swim out of the cage. Just be careful where you step. Stingrays like to hide under the sand. If you step on one, it can sting you with its tail. Here come some now. Watch me, Dan! I'm going to ride

that big ray. I'll just climb on its back and hold onto its wings. Yeehaa!

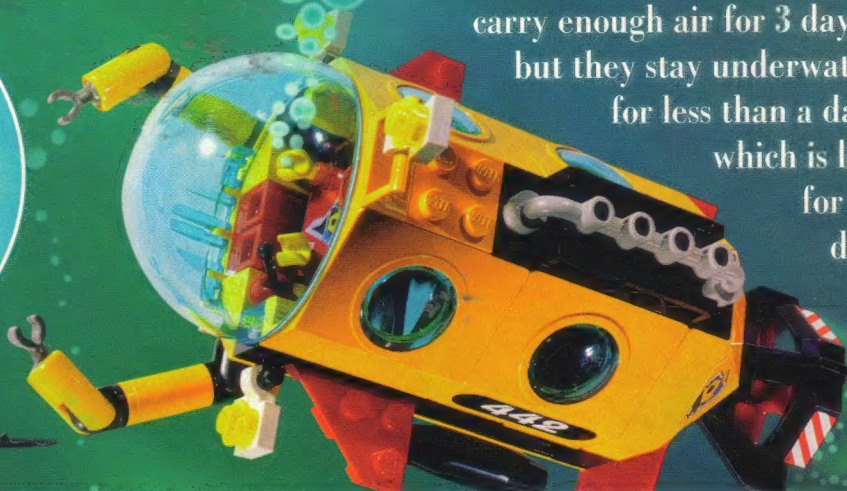
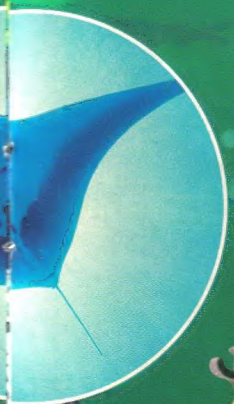
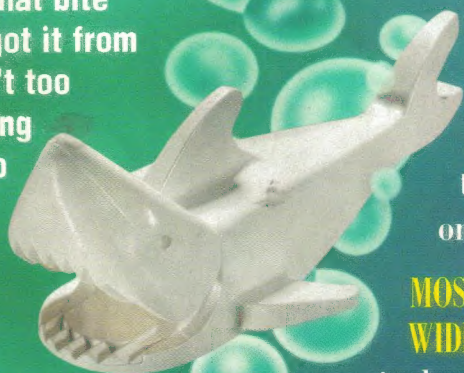
Okay, everyone. We're down about 60 feet now, and there are lots of canyons, ledges and caves. Stay away from the caves, right Dan?

HEY SANDY,
THAT GREAT WHITE
SHARK IS BACK!
LAST ONE TO
THE SURFACE
IS SHARK BAIT!

Factoid: To scuba dive in the United States you must be 12 years old and take a required diving course. Expert instructors can teach you to dive in less than six weeks.

THAT'S WHERE OCTOPUSES LIVE.

That's right, Sandy. Some octopuses can change the color of their skin to white, brown, red, and green and hide themselves among the same color coral and rocks. Most octopuses are small, but some get as big as 10 feet and 70 pounds—big enough to attack a shark. See that bite mark on my hand? I got it from an octopus who wasn't too happy with me snooping around. I tried to shoo him away, but I only had two arms and it had eight!



Factoid: Great whites have a big mouth because they swallow their food whole.

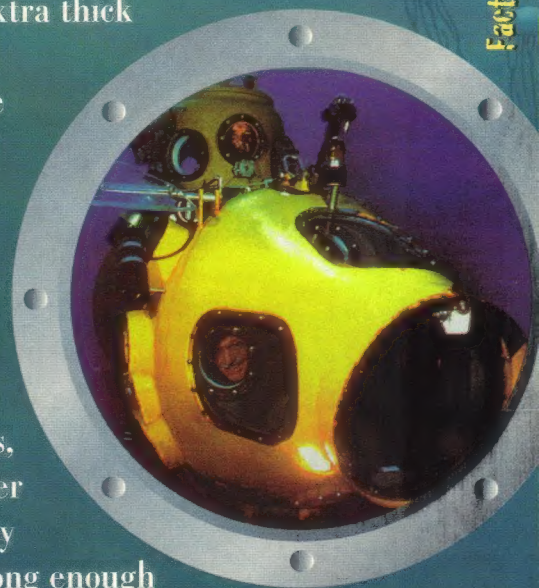
Once scuba divers dive past 130 feet, they can run into problems. The increased water pressure sends hydrogen gas bubbles from a diver's air tank into the diver's bloodstream.

To survive the water pressure, divers explore the really deep sea in mini subs called submersibles, like the #6442 Sting Ray Explorer. The deepest most submersibles go is 36,000 feet. At those depths, the dark water is about 37 degrees and the water pressure on the sub is similar to the weight of a skyscraper on top of you.

MOST MINI-SUBS ARE ABOUT 25 FEET LONG AND 7 FEET WIDE, so they're not much bigger than a car. Only 2 inches of titanium metal protect divers from the ocean's crushing water pressure. The sub's round portholes are made of extra thick plastic materials, but as mini-subs dive deeper, the water pressure flattens the round windows.

Their mechanical arms collect rocks, water samples and buried treasure from the bottom of the sea. Mini-subs carry enough air for 3 days, but they stay underwater for less than a day which is long enough for even the most daring diver.

DIVING WAY DOWN DEEP



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Factoid: Sharks can smell blood up to a quarter mile away!

#6441

Deep Reef Reefuge

FREE
bonus
"tail out"
Poster



CLUB MEMBER REVIEW

Club Member,
Adam Ballester, Age 9 of New York

**"Deep Reef Reefuge"
is Really the Best!**

The sub is awesome and the undersea lab is the best! "The lab's bubbles are way cool! They open so the divers can swim out of them!" The x-ray machine was excellent for examining sea creatures. Adam loved the dolphin, stingray and especially the great white shark! Once he built the Deep Reef Reefuge, Adam trained his sea creatures to help the divers find sunken treasure — but they had to move quickly because Captain Red Beard wanted the treasure too!

LOWER
SUPPLIES AND
HAUL UP
TREASURE WITH
THE SHIP'S
CRANE.

Tug
Topsider

PICK UP
TREASURE
WITH THE SUB'S
GRABBER
ARMS.

R.C. Scooter

Cora Reef

THE SUB'S
CARGO DOORS
OPEN AND
CLOSE FOR
EASY LOADING.



THE THREE 5/6/ SHARKS, SAWFISH AND STINGRAYS!

Diver Dan

INSERT TILE INTO X-RAY MACHINE AND CHECK OUT THE INSIDES OF COOL SEA CREATURES!



Scuba Sandy

X-RAY UNDERWATER FINDS!

HEY, SANDY! LET'S X-RAY THAT SHARK'S STOMACH SO WE CAN WIN THE CONTEST!

Close the undersea lab when sharks get to close!

NOW I'M SAFE AND DRY!

Contest CLUE

Flipper

HANG UP YOUR OXYGEN TANKS INSIDE THE LAB AND CHECK OUT CRAWLY CRITTERS UNDER THE MICROSCOPE!





Send a Photo of Your Model to:
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maniac madness

Remember to write your name, address, age and model name on the back of each photograph. Pictures will not be returned, so take an extra photo for yourself!



Two Spaceships
 Cooper Williams & Nick Brett,
 Ages 10 & 11, of Washington



The Castle
 Sonny & Andy Lutz,
 Ages 8 & 6, of Virginia



THE HOUSE IS ON HINGES SO IT CAN OPEN AND CLOSE.



Top cockpit opens & a laser is mounted on the back.



Country House
 Tanya McGrovy,
 Age 13, of Missouri



Dragon Fly and Bug Station
 Dylan Eichenberg,
 Age 6, of California



LOOK OUT THE TIME TWISTERS ARE HERE!

Spookville Castle
 Christopher Schoepp,
 of Indiana



DR. CYBER WEIRD

DR. CYBER
WE'RE
HEADED FOR
AQUAZONE.



Woodzilla
Hannah Lipsky,
Age 8, of Minnesota



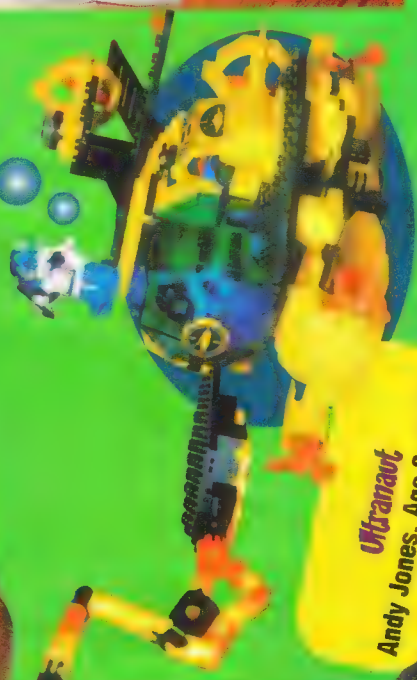
The Space Cruiser
Kevin Roell,
Age 9, of Michigan

GREAT!
I'M ALMOST
HOME.

West Military Base
Stephen Thomas & Douglas Walck,
Ages 9, of New Jersey



News Cruise
Sean Cloherly, Age 5, of
Washington



Ultranaut
Andy Jones, Age 8, of Ohio



sand
pail
and shovel

**The Press
Conference**
Mike Gallacher,
Age 11, of Utah

First Flight
Johnny Cozart,
Age 9, of Ohio



WAY
TO GO
MANIACS!

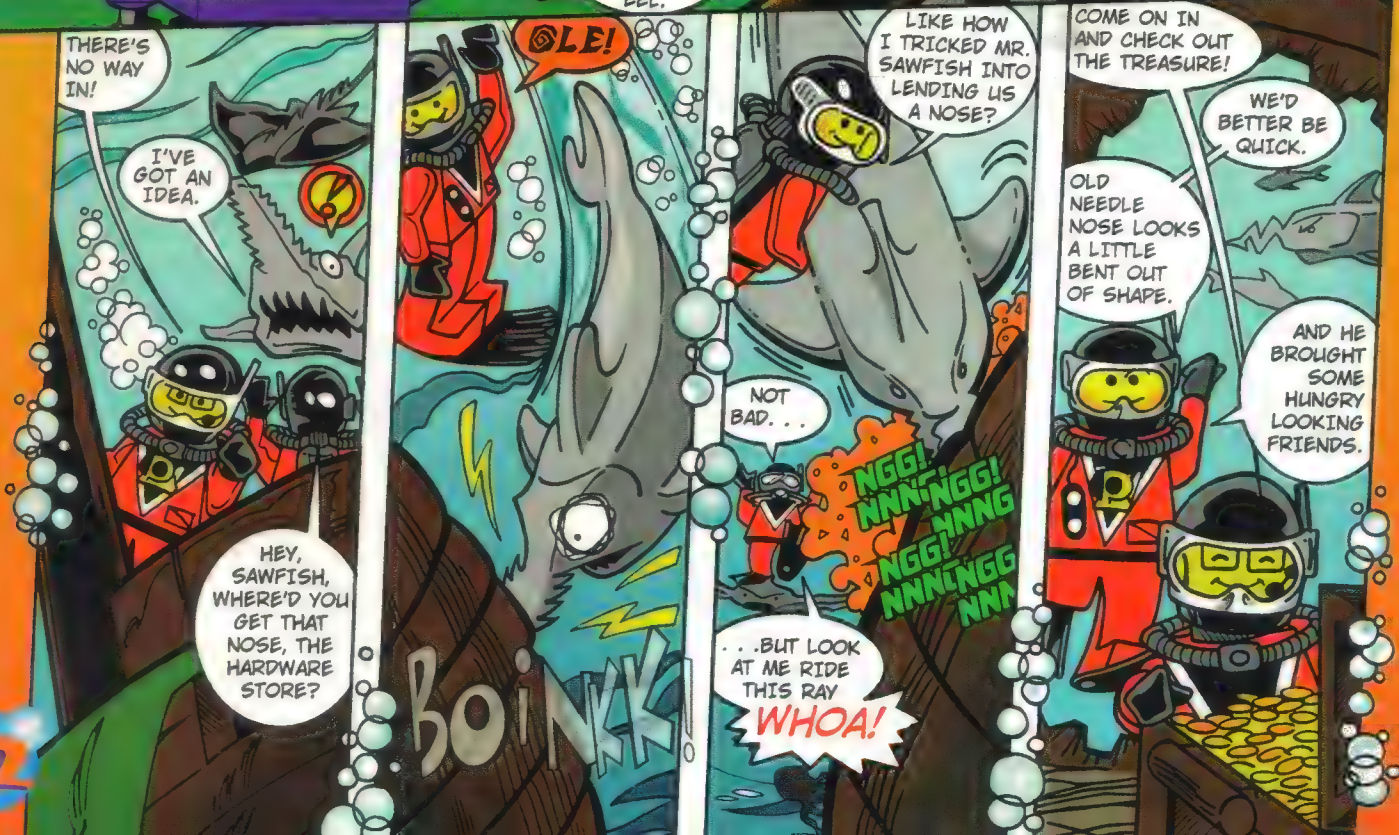
Go Batty

CONTEST
WINNERS

- Jan/Feb 1997 **LEGO Mania Magazine**
- Evan Foltz, Ohio
 - Austin Schott, Iowa
 - Mike McCandless, Illinois
 - Elliot Dawson, California
 - Stanley Napolitano, Kentucky
 - Jeremy Hagan, Kentucky
 - Gray Tuck, North Carolina
 - Brett Barousse, Louisiana
 - Blake Brady, Louisiana
 - Jacob Asher, Pennsylvania

the Adventures of the LEGO Maniac in

The Mysterious Sea Monster... No Match for the Maniac





HEY DAN!
THAT TREASURE
STEALING SEA
MONSTER LOOKS
LIKE THE ONE
WE SAW IN THE
CAVES BACK
ON PAGE 5.

I'M SNEAKY,
I'M FAST. . . I CRUISE
THROUGH THE SEA, MY NAME
IS BARRACUDA, AND YOU DIVERS
WILL NEVER CATCH ME!

GOOD IDEA.
HERE, I'LL HELP
YOU WITH THAT
HEAVY CHEST.

LET'S LOAD
THE GOLD.

WHOA!

R.C.,
GO GET
THE MANIAC!

ROGER
THAT, I'M
ON MY
WAY!

HURRY!



NOT EVEN
THE MANIAC
CAN CATCH
ME!

WE'LL SEE
ABOUT THAT
BARRACUDA.

BUT
FIRST
I...

**GOTTA BUILD
LIKE CRAZY!**

I'LL BUILD
THIS UNDERWATER
ROBOT TO CATCH
BARRACUDA.

I'LL USE
THE MAST FROM
THE CROSS BONE
CLIPPER LIKE A
FISHING POLE. . .

... AND HOOK
HIS AQUA DOZER
BY THE TAIL!



YOU
HOOKED
ONE BIG
CROOK.

THAT'S ONE BAD
BARRACUDA
BEHIND
BARS.

**I'VE
BEEN
HOOKED!**

STUCK LIKE A
SARDINE IN A
CAN!

**HA-
HA!**

SEE YA
NEXT
TIME!

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For Kids
By Kids

YOU CAN BUILD THIS...

Kelp Powered Aqua Buggy

Inspired by Club Member,
Patrick Ryan, Age 7



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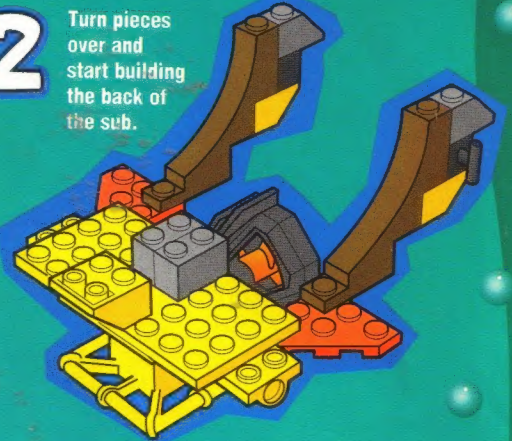
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1 Build a powerful engine.

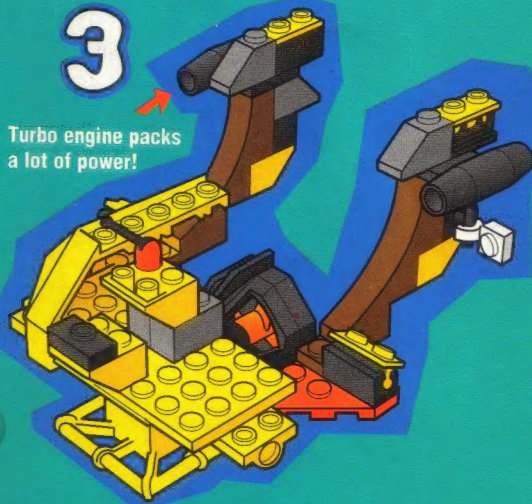


2 Turn pieces over and start building the back of the sub.



3

Turbo engine packs a lot of power!



4



5



6

Grabbing grabber arms!

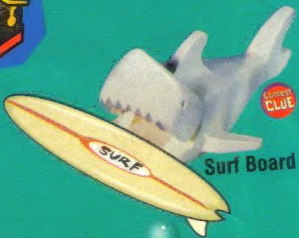


Final

Add the domed cockpit, jump in the driver's seat and dive into the dangers of the deep! Take pictures of sharks with the underwater camera!



Cool Chrome Lights!



Use pieces from your LEGO collection or you can find all the pieces you need in #6442 Sting Ray Explorer.



Members Only!



What's for Lunch?

Just find 10 "Contest Clue Sharks", then tell us where you found them and what they ate for lunch!

Mail your entry by July 21, 1997

1. homework on page 15
2. _____ on page _____
3. _____ on page _____
4. _____ on page _____
5. _____ on page _____
6. _____ on page _____
7. _____ on page _____
8. _____ on page _____
9. _____ on page _____
10. _____ on page _____

Just fill in the contest entry form. Cut it out and mail it by July 21, 1997 to:

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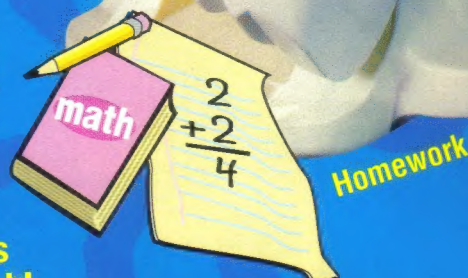
Telephone (____) _____ Age _____

HEY!
DO YOU WANT
FRIES WITH
THAT CONTEST
CLUE?



Contest
CLUE

"Contest Clue" symbol will help you find the sharks!



Homework

Here's the first contest clue!

Sharks will eat almost anything that swims or gets thrown off a boat. Gas cans, car parts, deer antlers, hats and even other sharks have been found in their stomachs. The great white LEGO shark has been really hungry lately and just ate some of the weirdest things for lunch. Look for the great white LEGO sharks chomping on things hidden throughout the magazine. In the spaces on the left, write down what's for lunch (what's in the shark's mouth) and the page you find it on.

You could win this set!



The first 10 randomly selected entries with the correct answers will win a LEGO set of their choice (up to \$100 value).

Entries must be postmarked by July 21, 1997 and received by July 25, 1997. Winners will be notified by mail by September 1, 1997. Offer void where prohibited or restricted by law. Employees of LEGO Systems, Inc. and members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate. Entries will be judged by LEGO Systems, Inc. on the basis of accuracy. ©1997 The LEGO Group.



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#C200 LEGO Lid

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One size fits kids

ages 5 & up.

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#C300 Jean Jacket

The LEGO MANIA Jean Jacket features LEGO logo on front and high quality screen print on back. It's 100% Cotton, it's made in U.S.A., and it stays crunchy in milk!

YOUTH SIZES:

M(10-12), L(14-16) \$48.00

or Adult Small \$49.00

#C100 Cool Cotton "T"

Includes cool design on the front (dah, if you didn't notice) and LEGO logo on the back. It's made of premium weight, preshrunk 100% Cotton jersey for soft, comfortable wear. Made in U.S.A.

YOUTH SIZES:

M(10-12), L(14-16),

XL (18-20) \$16.00

#C400 Hoop Tank Top

Guaranteed not to help your jump shot! But, so what, you'll look cool on the court. 100% nylon tank top. Made in USA.

YOUTH SIZES:

M(10-12), L(14-16) \$18.00

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